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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97(C)(1)

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

United States Patent No. 5,611,246 (Long et al.), dated March 18, 1997;

German Published Non-prosecuted Patent Application DE 30 44 083 A1 (Halff et al.), dated September 9, 1982, and corresponding United States Patent No. 4,485,708, dated December 4, 1984;

German Utility Model G 80 31 208.9 U1, dated August 23, 1990, pertaining to a punching device for punching sheets of paper cardboard and the like, having a bottom table and an upper table, where the one table supports the punch knives and the other table supports the counterpunch, where one table is fixed to the support structure and the other table can be moved by a drive mechanism vertically to the counterpunch plane, also having a gripper configuration for the intermittent transport of the sheets to be punched through the punching device, characterized in that the

bottom table is stationary and the upper table is driven and that the drive device for the upper table is disposed between the upper table and a yoke, said yoke being connected to the stationary bottom table by means of tension rods;

Patent Abstracts of Japan JP 09 066 500 (Sasaki), dated March 11, 1997;

European Search Report dated December 28, 2004.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e) the undersigned herewith states that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (c) (1), consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is requested.

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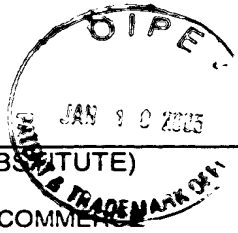
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